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MINNESOTA CORN AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP

Based on August 1 conditions, the Minnesota **CORN** crop is forecast at 1.2 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last year, according to the USDA, NASS Minnesota Field Office. The yield forecast of 167 bushels per acre is up 3 bushels from 2008. Expected area to be harvested, at 7.2 million acres is unchanged from a year ago.

SOYBEAN production is forecast at 284 million bushels, up 8 percent from last year's production. Based on August 1 conditions, the yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, 2 bushels above 2008's yield.

The **SPRING WHEAT** crop is estimated at 86.7 million bushels, down 14 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 51 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from the July forecast, but down 5 bushels per acre from last year.

BARLEY production is forecast at 3.71 million bushels, down 48 percent from 2008. Yield is forecast at 57 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from July and last year.

OAT production is estimated at 11.05 million bushels, down 7 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 65 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from July, but down 3 bushels from 2008.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is estimated at 12.02 million tons, up 22 percent from 2008's production level. Yield is estimated at 27.0 tons per acre, up 2.3 tons from last year's 24.7 tons per acre.

This year's **DRY BEAN** production is estimated at 2.38 million hundredweight, down 16 percent from last year. Yield is forecast at 1,900 pounds per acre.

Minnesota's **ALFALFA HAY** production is estimated at 3.9 million tons, down 7 percent from 2008. Yield is forecast at 3.1 tons per acre, unchanged from last year.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Corn production is forecast at 12.8 billion bushels, up 5 percent from last year but 2 percent lower than 2007. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 159.5 bushels per acre, up 5.6 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.20 billion bushels, up 8 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.7 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from 2008.

Other Spring wheat production is forecast at 548 million bushels, up 8 percent from last month and up slightly from 2008. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 13.2 million acres. The U.S. yield is forecast at 41.5 bushels per acre, 3.2 bushels above last month and 1.0 bushel above 2008.

MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2008 AND FORECASTED AUGUST 1, 2009

COMMODITY	2008 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2009 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2008 YIELD	2009 YIELD	2008 PRODUCTION (000)	2009 PRODUCTION (000)
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MINNESOTA

CORN (Bu)	7,200	7,200	164.0	167.0	1,180,800	1,202,400
SOYBEANS (Bu)	6,950	7,100	38.0	40.0	264,100	284,000
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	1,800	1,700	56.0	51.0	100,800	86,700
BARLEY (Bu)	110	65	65.0	57.0	7,150	3,705
OATS (Bu)	175	170	68.0	65.0	11,900	11,050
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	399	445	24.7	27.0	9,855	12,015
DRY BEANS 1/	145	125	1950.0	1900.0	2,828	2,375
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	1,350	1,250	3.10	3.10	4,185	3,875
OTHER HAY (Ton)	600	800	1.80	1.70	1,080	1,360

UNITED STATES

CORN (Bu)	78,640	80,007	153.9	159.5	12,101,238	12,760,986
SOYBEANS (Bu)	74,641	76,767	39.6	41.7	2,959,174	3,199,172
SPRING WHEAT (Bu)	13,487	13,205	40.5	41.5	546,744	548,260
BARLEY (Bu)	3,767	3,142	63.6	65.8	239,498	206,728
OATS (Bu)	1,395	1,426	63.5	64.5	88,635	91,960
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,005	1,154	26.7	28.2	26,837	32,473
DRY BEANS 1/	1,445	1,392	1,768	1,750	25,558	24,359
ALFALFA HAY (Ton)	20,980	20,982	3.32	3.48	69,620	72,986
OTHER HAY (Ton)	39,082	39,195	1.95	2.01	76,052	78,955

1/ Yield in lb; production in cwt.

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